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AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 19

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 19, AS AMENDED, by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following:

"Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Sections 10-22.36, 19-1, and 19-3 as follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/10-22.36) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-22.36)

Sec. 10-22.36. Buildings for school purposes. To build or purchase a building for school classroom or instructional purposes upon the approval of a majority of the voters upon the proposition at a referendum held for such purpose or in accordance with Section 17-2.11, 19-3, 19-3.5, or 19-3.10. The board may initiate such referendum by resolution. The board shall certify the resolution and proposition to the proper election authority for submission in accordance with the general election law.

The questions of building one or more new buildings for school purposes or office facilities, and issuing bonds for the purpose of borrowing money to purchase one or more buildings or sites for such buildings or office sites, to build one or more new buildings for school purposes or office facilities or to make additions and improvements to existing school buildings, may be combined into one or more propositions on the ballot.

Before erecting, or purchasing or remodeling such a building the board shall submit the plans and specifications respecting heating, ventilating, lighting, seating, water supply, toilets and safety against fire to the regional superintendent of schools having supervision and control over the district, for approval in accordance with Section 2-3.12.

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, no referendum shall be required if the purchase, construction, or building of any such building is completed (1) while the building is being leased by the school district or (2) with the expenditure of (A) funds derived from the sale or disposition of other buildings, land, or structures of the school district or (B) funds received (i) as a grant under the School Construction Law, (ii) as gifts or donations, provided that no funds to complete such building, other than lease payments, are derived from the district's bonded indebtedness or the tax levy of the district, or (iii) from the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law under Section 5-1006.7 of the Counties Code.

(Source: P.A. 95-675, eff. 10-11-07; 96-517, eff. 8-14-09.)

1 (105 ILCS 5/19-1)

- Sec. 19-1. Debt limitations of school districts.
- 3 (a) School districts shall not be subject to the provisions
  4 limiting their indebtedness prescribed in "An Act to limit the
  5 indebtedness of counties having a population of less than
  6 500,000 and townships, school districts and other municipal
  7 corporations having a population of less than 300,000",
  8 approved February 15, 1928, as amended.

No school districts maintaining grades K through 8 or 9 through 12 shall become indebted in any manner or for any purpose to an amount, including existing indebtedness, in the aggregate exceeding 6.9% on the value of the taxable property therein to be ascertained by the last assessment for State and county taxes or, until January 1, 1983, if greater, the sum that is produced by multiplying the school district's 1978 equalized assessed valuation by the debt limitation percentage in effect on January 1, 1979, previous to the incurring of such indebtedness.

No school districts maintaining grades K through 12 shall become indebted in any manner or for any purpose to an amount, including existing indebtedness, in the aggregate exceeding 13.8% on the value of the taxable property therein to be ascertained by the last assessment for State and county taxes or, until January 1, 1983, if greater, the sum that is produced by multiplying the school district's 1978 equalized assessed

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No partial elementary unit district, as defined in Article 11E of this Code, shall become indebted in any manner or for any purpose in an amount, including existing indebtedness, in the aggregate exceeding 6.9% of the value of the taxable property of the entire district, to be ascertained by the last assessment for State and county taxes, plus an amount, including existing indebtedness, in the aggregate exceeding 6.9% of the value of the taxable property of that portion of the district included in the elementary and high school classification, to be ascertained by the last assessment for State and county taxes. Moreover, no partial elementary unit district, as defined in Article 11E of this Code, shall become indebted on account of bonds issued by the district for high school purposes in the aggregate exceeding 6.9% of the value of the taxable property of the entire district, to be ascertained by the last assessment for State and county taxes, nor shall the district become indebted on account of bonds issued by the district for elementary purposes in the aggregate exceeding 6.9% of the value of the taxable property for that portion of the district included in the elementary and high school classification, to be ascertained by the last assessment for State and county taxes.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the

contrary, in any case in which the voters of a school district have approved a proposition for the issuance of bonds of such school district at an election held prior to January 1, 1979, and all of the bonds approved at such election have not been issued, the debt limitation applicable to such school district during the calendar year 1979 shall be computed by multiplying the value of taxable property therein, including personal property, as ascertained by the last assessment for State and county taxes, previous to the incurring of such indebtedness, by the percentage limitation applicable to such school district under the provisions of this subsection (a).

- (b) Notwithstanding the debt limitation prescribed in subsection (a) of this Section, additional indebtedness may be incurred in an amount not to exceed the estimated cost of acquiring or improving school sites or constructing and equipping additional building facilities under the following conditions:
  - (1) Whenever the enrollment of students for the next school year is estimated by the board of education to increase over the actual present enrollment by not less than 35% or by not less than 200 students or the actual present enrollment of students has increased over the previous school year by not less than 35% or by not less than 200 students and the board of education determines that additional school sites or building facilities are required as a result of such increase in enrollment; and

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- (2) When the Regional Superintendent of Schools having jurisdiction over the school district and the State Superintendent of Education concur in such enrollment projection or increase and approve the need for such additional school sites or building facilities and the estimated cost thereof; and
- (3) When the voters in the school district approve a proposition for the issuance of bonds for the purpose of acquiring or improving such needed school sites or constructing and equipping such needed additional building facilities at an election called and held for that purpose. Notice of such an election shall state that the amount of indebtedness proposed to be incurred would exceed the debt limitation otherwise applicable to the school district. The ballot for such proposition shall state what percentage of the equalized assessed valuation will be outstanding in bonds if the proposed issuance of bonds is approved by the voters; or
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection (b), if the school board determines that additional facilities are needed to provide a quality educational program and not less than 2/3 of those voting in an election called by the school board on the question approve the issuance of bonds for the construction of such facilities, the school district may issue bonds for this purpose; or

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(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection (b), if (i) the school district has previously availed itself of the provisions of paragraph (4) of this subsection (b) to enable it to issue bonds, (ii) the voters of the school district have not defeated a proposition for the issuance of bonds since the referendum described in paragraph (4) of this subsection (b) was held, (iii) the school board determines that additional facilities are needed to provide a quality educational program, and (iv) a majority of those voting in an election called by the school board on the question approve the issuance of bonds for the construction of such facilities, the school district may issue bonds for this purpose.

In no event shall the indebtedness incurred pursuant to this subsection (b) and the existing indebtedness of the school district exceed 15% of the value of the taxable property therein to be ascertained by the last assessment for State and county taxes, previous to the incurring of such indebtedness or, until January 1, 1983, if greater, the sum that is produced by multiplying the school district's 1978 equalized assessed valuation by the debt limitation percentage in effect on January 1, 1979.

The indebtedness provided for by this subsection (b) shall be in addition to and in excess of any other debt limitation.

(c) Notwithstanding the debt limitation prescribed in

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subsection (a) of this Section, in any case in which a public question for the issuance of bonds of a proposed school district maintaining grades kindergarten through 12 received at least 60% of the valid ballots cast on the question at an election held on or prior to November 8, 1994, and in which the bonds approved at such election have not been issued, the school district pursuant to the requirements of Section 11A-10 (now repealed) may issue the total amount of bonds approved at such election for the purpose stated in the question.

- (d) Notwithstanding the debt limitation prescribed in subsection (a) of this Section, a school district that meets all the criteria set forth in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection (d) may incur an additional indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000, even though the amount of the additional indebtedness authorized by this subsection (d), when incurred and added to the aggregate amount of indebtedness of the district existing immediately prior to the district incurring the additional indebtedness authorized by this subsection (d), causes the aggregate indebtedness of the district to exceed the debt limitation otherwise applicable to that district under subsection (a):
  - (1) The additional indebtedness authorized by this subsection (d) is incurred by the school district through the issuance of bonds under and in accordance with Section 17-2.11a for the purpose of replacing a school building which, because of mine subsidence damage, has been closed

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as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection (d) or through the issuance of bonds under and in accordance with Section 19-3 for the purpose of increasing the size of, or providing for additional functions in, such replacement school buildings, or both such purposes.

- (2) The bonds issued by the school district as provided in paragraph (1) above are issued for the purposes of construction by the school district of a new school building pursuant to Section 17-2.11, to replace an existing school building that, because of mine subsidence damage, is closed as of the end of the 1992-93 school year pursuant to action of the regional superintendent of schools of the educational service region in which the district is located under Section 3-14.22 or are issued for the purpose of increasing the size of, or providing for additional functions in, the new school building being constructed to replace a school building closed as the result of mine subsidence damage, or both such purposes.
- (e) (Blank).
- (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section or of any other law, bonds in not to exceed the aggregate amount of \$5,500,000 and issued by a school district meeting the following criteria shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory limitation and may be issued in an amount or amounts, including existing indebtedness, in excess of any heretofore or hereafter imposed

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statutory limitation as to indebtedness:

- (1) At the time of the sale of such bonds, the board of education of the district shall have determined by resolution that the enrollment of students in the district is projected to increase by not less than 7% during each of the next succeeding 2 school years.
- (2) The board of education shall also determine by resolution that the improvements to be financed with the proceeds of the bonds are needed because of the projected enrollment increases.
- (3) The board of education shall also determine by resolution that the projected increases in enrollment are the result of improvements made or expected to be made to passenger rail facilities located in the school district.

Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section or of any other law, a school district that has availed itself of the provisions of this subsection (f) prior to July 22, 2004 (the effective date of Public Act 93-799) may also issue bonds approved by referendum up to an amount, including existing indebtedness, not exceeding 25% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property in the district if all of the conditions set forth in items (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection (f) are met.

(q) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section or any other law, bonds in not to exceed an aggregate amount of 25% of the equalized assessed value of the

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- taxable property of a school district and issued by a school district meeting the criteria in paragraphs (i) through (iv) of this subsection shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory limitation and may be issued pursuant to resolution of the school board in an amount or amounts, including existing indebtedness, in excess of any statutory limitation of indebtedness heretofore or hereafter imposed:
  - (i) The bonds are issued for the purpose of constructing a new high school building to replace two adjacent existing buildings which together house a single high school, each of which is more than 65 years old, and which together are located on more than 10 acres and less than 11 acres of property.
  - (ii) At the time the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds is adopted, the cost of constructing a new school building to replace the existing school building is less than 60% of the cost of repairing the existing school building.
    - (iii) The sale of the bonds occurs before July 1, 1997.
  - (iv) The school district issuing the bonds is a unit school district located in a county of less than 70,000 and more than 50,000 inhabitants, which has an average daily attendance of less than 1,500 and an equalized assessed valuation of less than \$29,000,000.
- (h) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section or the provisions of any other law, until January 1, 1998, a

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- 1 community unit school district maintaining grades K through 12 may issue bonds up to an amount, including existing 2 indebtedness, not exceeding 27.6% of the equalized assessed 3 4 value of the taxable property in the district, if all of the
- 5 following conditions are met:
- (i) The school district has an equalized assessed 6 valuation for calendar year 1995 of less than \$24,000,000; 7
  - (ii) The bonds are issued for the capital improvement, renovation, rehabilitation, or replacement of existing school buildings of the district, all of which buildings were originally constructed not less than 40 years ago;
- (iii) The voters of the district approve a proposition 12 13 for the issuance of the bonds at a referendum held after 14 March 19, 1996; and
  - (iv) The bonds are issued pursuant to Sections 19-2 through 19-7 of this Code.
  - (i) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section or the provisions of any other law, until January 1, 1998, a community unit school district maintaining grades K through 12 may issue bonds up to an amount, including existing indebtedness, not exceeding 27% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property in the district, if all of the following conditions are met:
  - The school district has an equalized assessed valuation for calendar year 1995 of less than \$44,600,000;
    - (ii) The bonds are issued for the capital improvement,

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- (iii) The voters of the district approve a proposition for the issuance of the bonds at a referendum held after December 31, 1996; and
- (iv) The bonds are issued pursuant to Sections 19-2 through 19-7 of this Code.
- (j) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section or the provisions of any other law, until January 1, 1999, a community unit school district maintaining grades K through 12 may issue bonds up to an amount, including existing indebtedness, not exceeding 27% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property in the district if all of the following conditions are met:
  - (i) The school district has an equalized assessed valuation for calendar year 1995 of less than \$140,000,000 and a best 3 months average daily attendance for the 1995-96 school year of at least 2,800;
  - (ii) The bonds are issued to purchase a site and build and equip a new high school, and the school district's existing high school was originally constructed not less than 35 years prior to the sale of the bonds;
  - (iii) At the time of the sale of the bonds, the board of education determines by resolution that a new high

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- 1 school needed because of projected enrollment is 2 increases:
  - (iv) At least 60% of those voting in an election held after December 31, 1996 approve a proposition for the issuance of the bonds; and
  - (v) The bonds are issued pursuant to Sections 19-2 through 19-7 of this Code.
  - (k) Notwithstanding the debt limitation prescribed in subsection (a) of this Section, a school district that meets all the criteria set forth in paragraphs (1) through (4) of this subsection (k) may issue bonds to incur an additional indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 even though the amount of the additional indebtedness authorized by this subsection (k), when incurred and added to the aggregate amount of indebtedness of the school district existing immediately prior to the school district incurring such additional indebtedness, causes the aggregate indebtedness of the school district to exceed or increases the amount by which the aggregate indebtedness of the district already exceeds the debt limitation otherwise applicable to that school district under subsection (a):
    - (1) the school district is located in 2 counties, and a referendum to authorize the additional indebtedness was approved by a majority of the voters of the school district voting on the proposition to authorize that indebtedness;
      - (2) the additional indebtedness is for the purpose of

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- 1 financing a multi-purpose room addition to the existing 2 high school:
  - (3) the additional indebtedness, together with the existing indebtedness of the school district, shall not exceed 17.4% of the value of the taxable property in the school district, to be ascertained by the last assessment for State and county taxes; and
  - (4) the bonds evidencing the additional indebtedness are issued, if at all, within 120 days of the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1998.
  - (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section or the provisions of any other law, until January 1, 2000, a school district maintaining grades kindergarten through 8 may issue bonds up to an amount, including existing indebtedness, not exceeding 15% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property in the district if all of the following conditions are met:
    - (i) the district has an equalized assessed valuation for calendar year 1996 of less than \$10,000,000;
    - (ii) the bonds are issued for capital improvement, renovation, rehabilitation, or replacement of one or more school buildings of the district, which buildings were originally constructed not less than 70 years ago;
    - (iii) the voters of the district approve a proposition for the issuance of the bonds at a referendum held on or after March 17, 1998; and

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- (m) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section or the provisions of any other law, until January 1, 1999, an elementary school district maintaining grades K through 8 may issue bonds up to an amount, excluding existing indebtedness, not exceeding 18% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property in the district, if all of the following conditions are met:
  - (i) The school district has an equalized assessed valuation for calendar year 1995 or less than \$7,700,000;
  - (ii) The school district operates 2 elementary attendance centers that until 1976 were operated as the attendance centers of 2 separate and distinct school districts;
  - (iii) The bonds are issued for the construction of a new elementary school building to replace an existing multi-level elementary school building of the school district that is not handicapped accessible at all levels and parts of which were constructed more than 75 years ago;
  - (iv) The voters of the school district approve a proposition for the issuance of the bonds at a referendum held after July 1, 1998; and
- (v) The bonds are issued pursuant to Sections 19-2 through 19-7 of this Code.
  - (n) Notwithstanding the debt limitation prescribed in

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subsection (a) of this Section or any other provisions of this Section or of any other law, a school district that meets all of the criteria set forth in paragraphs (i) through (vi) of this subsection (n) may incur additional indebtedness by the issuance of bonds in an amount not exceeding the amount certified by the Capital Development Board to the school district as provided in paragraph (iii) of this subsection (n), even though the amount of the additional indebtedness so authorized, when incurred and added to the aggregate amount of indebtedness of the district existing immediately prior to the district incurring the additional indebtedness authorized by this subsection (n), causes the aggregate indebtedness of the district to exceed the debt limitation otherwise applicable by law to that district:

- (i) The school district applies to the State Board of Education for a school construction project grant and submits a district facilities plan in support of its application pursuant to Section 5-20 of the School Construction Law.
- (ii) The school district's application and facilities plan are approved by, and the district receives a grant entitlement for a school construction project issued by, the State Board of Education under the School Construction Law.
- (iii) The school district has exhausted its bonding capacity or the unused bonding capacity of the district is

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less than the amount certified by the Capital Development Board to the district under Section 5-15 of the School Construction Law as the dollar amount of the school construction project's cost that the district will be required to finance with non-grant funds in order to receive a school construction project grant under the School Construction Law.

- (iv) The bonds are issued for a "school construction project", as that term is defined in Section 5-5 of the School Construction Law, in an amount that does not exceed the dollar amount certified, as provided in paragraph (iii) of this subsection (n), by the Capital Development Board to the school district under Section 5-15 of the School Construction Law.
- (v) The voters of the district approve a proposition for the issuance of the bonds at a referendum held after the criteria specified in paragraphs (i) and (iii) of this subsection (n) are met.
- (vi) The bonds are issued pursuant to Sections 19-2 through 19-7 of the School Code.
- (o) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section or the provisions of any other law, until November 1, 2007, a community unit school district maintaining grades K through 12 issue bonds up to an amount, including existing indebtedness, not exceeding 20% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property in the district if all of the following

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- (i) the school district has an equalized assessed valuation for calendar year 2001 of at least \$737,000,000 and an enrollment for the 2002-2003 school year of at least 8,500;
  - (ii) the bonds are issued to purchase school sites, build and equip a new high school, build and equip a new junior high school, build and equip 5 new elementary schools, and make technology and other improvements and additions to existing schools;
  - (iii) at the time of the sale of the bonds, the board of education determines by resolution that the sites and new or improved facilities are needed because of projected enrollment increases;
  - (iv) at least 57% of those voting in a general election held prior to January 1, 2003 approved a proposition for the issuance of the bonds; and
  - (v) the bonds are issued pursuant to Sections 19-2 through 19-7 of this Code.
- (p) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section or the provisions of any other law, a community unit school district maintaining grades K through 12 may issue bonds up to an amount, including indebtedness, not exceeding 27% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property in the district if all of the following conditions are met:
  - (i) The school district has an equalized assessed

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- 1 valuation for calendar year 2001 of at least \$295,741,187 and a best 3 months' average daily attendance for the 2 3 2002-2003 school year of at least 2,394.
  - (ii) The bonds are issued to build and equip 3 elementary school buildings; build and equip one middle school building; and alter, repair, improve, and equip all existing school buildings in the district.
  - (iii) At the time of the sale of the bonds, the board of education determines by resolution that the project is needed because of expanding growth in the school district and a projected enrollment increase.
  - (iv) The bonds are issued pursuant to Sections 19-2 through 19-7 of this Code.
  - (p-5) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section or the provisions of any other law, bonds issued by a community unit school district maintaining grades K through 12 shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory limitation and may be issued in an amount or amounts, including existing indebtedness, in excess of any heretofore or hereafter imposed statutory limitation as to indebtedness, if all of the following conditions are met:
    - (i) For each of the 4 most recent years, residential property comprises more than 80% of the equalized assessed valuation of the district.
    - (ii) At least 2 school buildings that were constructed 40 or more years prior to the issuance of the bonds will be

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- (iii) Voters of the district approve a proposition for the issuance of the bonds at a regularly scheduled election.
- (iv) At the time of the sale of the bonds, the school board determines by resolution that the new buildings or building additions are needed because of an increase in enrollment projected by the school board.
- (v) The principal amount of the bonds, including existing indebtedness, does not exceed 25% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property in the district.
- (vi) The bonds are issued prior to January 1, 2007, pursuant to Sections 19-2 through 19-7 of this Code.
- (p-10) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section or the provisions of any other law, bonds issued by a community consolidated school district maintaining grades K through 8 shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory limitation and may be issued in an amount or amounts, including existing indebtedness, in excess of any heretofore or hereafter imposed statutory limitation as to indebtedness, if all of the following conditions are met:
  - (i) For each of the 4 most recent years, residential and farm property comprises more than 80% of the equalized assessed valuation of the district.
    - (ii) The bond proceeds are to be used to acquire and

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- (iii) Voters of the district approve a proposition for the issuance of the bonds at a regularly scheduled election.
- (iv) At the time of the sale of the bonds, the school board determines by resolution that the school sites and building additions are needed because of an increase in enrollment projected by the school board.
- (v) The principal amount of the bonds, including existing indebtedness, does not exceed 20% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property in the district.
- (vi) The bonds are issued prior to January 1, 2007, pursuant to Sections 19-2 through 19-7 of this Code.
- (p-15) In addition to all other authority to issue bonds, the Oswego Community Unit School District Number 308 may issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$450,000,000, but only if all of the following conditions are met:
  - (i) The voters of the district have approved a proposition for the bond issue at the general election held on November 7, 2006.
  - (ii) At the time of the sale of the bonds, the school board determines, by resolution, that: (A) the building and equipping of the new high school building, new junior high school buildings, new elementary school buildings, early childhood building, maintenance building, transportation

facility, and additions to existing school buildings, the altering, repairing, equipping, and provision of technology improvements to existing school buildings, and the acquisition and improvement of school sites, as the case may be, are required as a result of a projected increase in the enrollment of students in the district; and (B) the sale of bonds for these purposes is authorized by legislation that exempts the debt incurred on the bonds from the district's statutory debt limitation.

- (iii) The bonds are issued, in one or more bond issues, on or before November 7, 2011, but the aggregate principal amount issued in all such bond issues combined must not exceed \$450,000,000.
- (iv) The bonds are issued in accordance with this Article 19.
- (v) The proceeds of the bonds are used only to accomplish those projects approved by the voters at the general election held on November 7, 2006.
- The debt incurred on any bonds issued under this subsection (p-15) shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory debt limitation.
- (p-20) In addition to all other authority to issue bonds, the Lincoln-Way Community High School District Number 210 may issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$225,000,000, but only if all of the following conditions are met:

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- The voters of the district have approved a (i) proposition for the bond issue at the general primary election held on March 21, 2006.
  - (ii) At the time of the sale of the bonds, the school board determines, by resolution, that: (A) the building and equipping of the new high school buildings, the altering, repairing, and equipping of existing school buildings, and the improvement of school sites, as the case may be, are required as a result of a projected increase in the enrollment of students in the district; and (B) the sale of bonds for these purposes is authorized by legislation that exempts the debt incurred on the bonds from the district's statutory debt limitation.
  - (iii) The bonds are issued, in one or more bond issues, on or before March 21, 2011, but the aggregate principal amount issued in all such bond issues combined must not exceed \$225,000,000.
  - (iv) The bonds are issued in accordance with this Article 19.
  - (v) The proceeds of the bonds are used only to accomplish those projects approved by the voters at the primary election held on March 21, 2006.
- 23 The debt incurred on any bonds issued under this subsection 24 (p-20) shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any 25 statutory debt limitation.
  - (p-25) In addition to all other authority to issue bonds,

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- Rochester Community Unit School District 3A may issue bonds 1
- with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$18,500,000, 2
- 3 but only if all of the following conditions are met:
- 4 (i) The voters of the district approve a proposition 5 for the bond issuance at the general primary election held in 2008. 6
  - (ii) At the time of the sale of the bonds, the school board determines, by resolution, that: (A) the building and equipping of a new high school building; the addition of classrooms and support facilities at the high school, middle school, and elementary school; the altering, repairing, and equipping of existing school buildings; and the improvement of school sites, as the case may be, are required as a result of a projected increase in the enrollment of students in the district; and (B) the sale of bonds for these purposes is authorized by a law that exempts the debt incurred on the bonds from the district's statutory debt limitation.
  - (iii) The bonds are issued, in one or more bond issues, on or before December 31, 2012, but the aggregate principal amount issued in all such bond issues combined must not exceed \$18,500,000.
  - (iv) The bonds are issued in accordance with this Article 19.
  - (v) The proceeds of the bonds are used to accomplish only those projects approved by the voters at the primary

- 1 election held in 2008.
- The debt incurred on any bonds issued under this subsection 2
- 3 (p-25) shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any
- 4 statutory debt limitation.

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- 5 (p-30) In addition to all other authority to issue bonds,
- Prairie Grove Consolidated School District 46 may issue bonds 6
- 7 with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$30,000,000,
- 8 but only if all of the following conditions are met:
  - (i) The voters of the district approve a proposition for the bond issuance at an election held in 2008.
    - (ii) At the time of the sale of the bonds, the school board determines, by resolution, that (A) the building and equipping of a new school building and additions to existing school buildings are required as a result of a projected increase in the enrollment of students in the district and (B) the altering, repairing, and equipping of existing school buildings are required because of the age of the existing school buildings.
    - (iii) The bonds are issued, in one or more bond issuances, on or before December 31, 2012; however, the aggregate principal amount issued in all such bond issuances combined must not exceed \$30,000,000.
  - (iv) The bonds are issued in accordance with this Article.
    - (v) The proceeds of the bonds are used to accomplish only those projects approved by the voters at an election

- 1 held in 2008.
- The debt incurred on any bonds issued under this subsection 2
- 3 (p-30) shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any
- 4 statutory debt limitation.
- 5 (p-35) In addition to all other authority to issue bonds,
- Prairie Hill Community Consolidated School District 133 may 6
- 7 issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed
- 8 \$13,900,000, but only if all of the following conditions are
- 9 met:
- 10 (i) The voters of the district approved a proposition
- 11 for the bond issuance at an election held on April 17,
- 2007. 12
- 13 (ii) At the time of the sale of the bonds, the school
- 14 board determines, by resolution, that (A) the improvement
- 15 of the site of and the building and equipping of a school
- 16 building are required as a result of a projected increase
- in the enrollment of students in the district and (B) the 17
- repairing and equipping of the Prairie Hill Elementary 18
- 19 School building is required because of the age of that
- 20 school building.
- 21 (iii) The bonds are issued, in one or more bond
- 22 issuances, on or before December 31, 2011, but the
- 23 aggregate principal amount issued in all such bond
- 24 issuances combined must not exceed \$13,900,000.
- 25 (iv) The bonds are issued in accordance with this
- 26 Article.

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1 (v) The proceeds of the bonds are used to accomplish only those projects approved by the voters at an election 2 3 held on April 17, 2007.

The debt incurred on any bonds issued under this subsection (p-35) shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory debt limitation.

- (p-40) In addition to all other authority to issue bonds, Mascoutah Community Unit District 19 may issue bonds with an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$55,000,000, but only if all of the following conditions are met:
  - (1) The voters of the district approve a proposition for the bond issuance at a regular election held on or after November 4, 2008.
  - (2) At the time of the sale of the bonds, the school board determines, by resolution, that (i) the building and equipping of a new high school building is required as a result of a projected increase in the enrollment of students in the district and the age and condition of the existing high school building, (ii) the existing high school building will be demolished, and (iii) the sale of bonds is authorized by statute that exempts the debt incurred on the bonds from the district's statutory debt limitation.
- (3) The bonds are issued, in one or more issuances, on or before December 31, 2011, but the aggregate principal amount issued in all such

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- 1 issuances combined must not exceed \$55,000,000.
- (4) The bonds are issued in accordance with this 2 Article. 3
  - (5) The proceeds of the bonds are used to accomplish only those projects approved by the voters at a regular election held on or after November 4, 2008.

The debt incurred on any bonds issued under this subsection (p-40) shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory debt limitation.

- (p-43) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section or the provisions of any other law, non-referendum bonds issued in accordance with Section 19-3 of this Code shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory debt limitation.
- (p-45) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section or of any other law, bonds issued pursuant to Section 19-3.5 of this Code shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory limitation if the bonds are issued in an amount or amounts, including existing indebtedness of the school district, not in excess of 18.5% of the value of the taxable property in the district to be ascertained by the last assessment for State and county taxes.
- (p-50) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section or of any other law, bonds issued pursuant to Section 19-3.10 of this Code shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory limitation if the

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- 1 bonds are issued in an amount or amounts, including existing indebtedness of the school district, not in excess of 43% of 2
- 3 the value of the taxable property in the district to be
- 4 ascertained by the last assessment for State and county taxes.
- 5 (p-55) (p-45) In addition to all other authority to issue bonds, Belle Valley School District 119 may issue bonds with an 6 7 aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$47,500,000, but only
- 8 if all of the following conditions are met:
  - (1) The voters of the district approve a proposition for the bond issuance at an election held on or after April 7, 2009.
  - (2) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the school board determines, by resolution, that (i) the building and equipping of a new school building is required as a result of mine subsidence in an existing school building and because of the age and condition of another existing school building and (ii) the issuance of bonds is authorized by statute that exempts the debt incurred on the bonds from the district's statutory debt limitation.
  - (3) The bonds are issued, in one or more bond issuances, on or before March 31, 2014, but the aggregate principal amount issued in all such bond issuances combined must not exceed \$47,500,000.
  - (4) The bonds are issued in accordance with this Article.
    - (5) The proceeds of the bonds are used to accomplish

- 1 only those projects approved by the voters at an election
- held on or after April 7, 2009. 2
- The debt incurred on any bonds issued under this subsection 3
- 4 (p-55) <del>(p-45)</del> shall not be considered indebtedness for purposes
- 5 of any statutory debt limitation. Bonds issued under this
- subsection  $(p-55)\frac{(p-45)}{(p-45)}$  must mature within not to exceed 30 6
- years from their date, notwithstanding any other law to the 7
- 8 contrary.
- 9 (q) A school district must notify the State Board of
- 10 Education prior to issuing any form of long-term or short-term
- 11 debt that will result in outstanding debt that exceeds 75% of
- the debt limit specified in this Section or any other provision 12
- 13 of law.
- (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 95-594, eff. 9-10-07; 14
- 15 95-792, eff. 1-1-09; 96-63, eff. 7-23-09; 96-273, eff. 8-11-09;
- 16 96-517, eff. 8-14-09; revised 9-15-09.)
- 17 (105 ILCS 5/19-3) (from Ch. 122, par. 19-3)
- Sec. 19-3. Boards of education. Any school district 18
- 19 governed by a board of education and having a population of not
- more than 500,000 inhabitants, and not governed by a special 20
- 21 Act may borrow money for the purpose of building, equipping,
- 22 altering or repairing school buildings or purchasing or
- 23 improving school sites, or acquiring and equipping
- 24 playgrounds, recreation grounds, athletic fields, and other
- 25 buildings or land used or useful for school purposes or for the

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purpose of purchasing a site, with or without a building or buildings thereon, or for the building of a house or houses on such site, or for the building of a house or houses on the school site of the school district, for residential purposes of the superintendent, principal, or teachers of the school district, and issue its negotiable coupon bonds therefor signed by the president and secretary of the board, in denominations of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000, payable at such place and at such time or times, not exceeding 20 years, with the exception of Lockport High School not exceeding 25 years, from date of issuance, as the board of education may prescribe, and bearing interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate authorized by the Bond Authorization Act, as amended at the the making of the contract, payable annually, semiannually or quarterly, but no such bonds shall be issued unless the proposition to issue them is submitted to the voters of the district at a referendum held at a regularly scheduled election after the board has certified the proposition to the proper election authorities in accordance with the general election law, a majority of all the votes cast on the proposition is in favor of the proposition, and notice of such bond referendum has been given either (i) in accordance with the second paragraph of Section 12-1 of the Election Code irrespective of whether such notice included any reference to the public question as it appeared on the ballot, or (ii) for an election held on or after November 1, 1998, in accordance

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with Section 12-5 of the Election Code, or (iii) by publication of a true and legible copy of the specimen ballot label containing the proposition in the form in which it appeared or will appear on the official ballot label on the day of the election at least 5 days before the day of the election in at least one newspaper published in and having a general circulation in the district, irrespective of any other requirements of Article 12 or Section 24A-18 of the Election Code, nor shall any residential site be acquired unless such proposition to acquire a site is submitted to the voters of the district at a referendum held at a regularly scheduled election after the board has certified the proposition to the proper election authorities in accordance with the general election law and a majority of all the votes cast on the proposition is in favor of the proposition. Nothing in this Act or in any other law shall be construed to require the notice of the bond referendum to be published over the name or title of the election authority or the listing of maturity dates of any bonds either in the notice of bond election or ballot used in the bond election. The provisions of this Section concerning notice of the bond referendum apply only to (i) consolidated primary elections held prior to January 1, 2002 and the consolidated election held on April 17, 2007 at which not less than 60% of the voters voting on the bond proposition voted in favor of the bond proposition, and (ii) other elections held before July 1, 1999; otherwise, notices required in connection

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1 with the submission of public questions shall be as set forth in Section 12-5 of the Election Code. Such proposition may be 2 3 initiated by resolution of the school board.

Nothing in this Section or in any other law shall require that either bonds issued by Cahokia Community Unit School District 187 or the project financed by these bonds be approved by referendum if the bonds are issued (i) for a purpose set forth in this Section, (ii) in an amount not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$50,000,000, and (iii) in one or more series, prior to July 1, 2015. Any bonds issued in accordance with this paragraph may be payable at such time or times not exceeding 25 years from the date of issuance.

With respect to instruments for the payment of money issued under this Section either before, on, or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1989, it is and always has been the intention of the General Assembly (i) that the Omnibus Bond Acts are and always have been supplementary grants of power to issue instruments in accordance with the Omnibus Bond Acts, regardless of any provision of this Act that may appear to be or to have been more restrictive than those Acts, (ii) that the provisions of this Section are not a limitation on the supplementary authority granted by the Omnibus Bond Acts, and (iii) that instruments issued under this Section within the supplementary authority granted by the Omnibus Bond Acts are not invalid because of any provision of this Act that may appear to be or to have been more restrictive than those Acts.

- 1 The proceeds of any bonds issued under authority of this
- Section shall be deposited and accounted for separately within 2
- the Site and Construction/Capital Improvements Fund. 3
- 4 (Source: P.A. 95-30, eff. 8-7-07; 96-787, eff. 8-28-09.)
- 5 Section 10. The School Construction Law is amended by
- changing Section 5-25 as follows: 6
- 7 (105 ILCS 230/5-25)
- 8 Sec. 5-25. Eligibility and project standards.
- 9 The State Board of Education shall establish (a)
- eligibility standards for school construction project grants 10
- and debt service grants. These standards shall include minimum 11
- 12 enrollment requirements for eligibility for
- 13 construction project grants of 200 students for elementary
- 14 districts, 200 students for high school districts, and 400
- students for unit districts. The State Board of Education shall 15
- approve a district's eligibility for a school construction 16
- 17 project grant or a debt service grant pursuant to the
- 18 established standards.
- For purposes only of determining a Type 40 area vocational 19
- center's eligibility for an entity included in a school 20
- 21 construction project grant or a school maintenance project
- 22 grant, an area vocational center shall be deemed eliqible if
- 23 one or more of its member school districts satisfy the grant
- 24 index criteria set forth in this Law. A Type 40 area vocational

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- 1 center that makes application for school construction funds 2 after August 25, 2009 (the effective date of Public Act 3 96-731) this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly shall 4 be placed on the respective application cycle list. Type 40 5 area vocational centers must be placed last on the priority 6 listing of eligible entities for the applicable fiscal year.
  - (b) The Capital Development Board shall establish project standards for all school construction project grants provided pursuant to this Article. These standards shall include space and capacity standards as well as the determination of recognized project costs that shall be eligible for State financial assistance and enrichment costs that shall not be eligible for State financial assistance.
  - The State Board of Education and the Capital Development Board shall not establish standards disapprove or otherwise establish limitations that restrict the eligibility of (i) a school district with a population exceeding 500,000 for a school construction project grant based on the fact that any or all of the school construction project grant will be used to pay debt service or to make lease payments, as authorized by subsection (b) of Section 5-35 of this Law, or (ii) a school district located in whole or in part in a county that imposes a tax for school facility purposes pursuant to Section 5-1006.7 of the Counties Code.
  - The State Board of Education and the Capital Development Board shall not establish standards that

- disapprove or otherwise establish limitations that restrict 1
- 2 the eligibility of Cahokia Community Unit School District 187
- 3 for a school construction project grant based on the fact that
- 4 the school construction project will be leased by the school
- 5 district.
- (Source: P.A. 96-37, eff. 7-13-09; 96-731, eff. 8-25-09; 6
- 7 revised 9-15-09.)
- 8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 9 becoming law.".